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# Lobbying efforts continue

File Photo

LAVC students join fellow community college students for another budget rally in Sacramento, Monday.

By DEREK ANEY
Staff Writer

One hundred California Community Colleges are expected to be represented in an upcoming bus trip to Sacramento, for students to lobby the legislature in protest of proposed budget cuts, according to Associated Student Union President Jesse Hernandez.

"The purpose of the trip is to increase awareness for the California Legislature, that students are in solidarity with the major education groups," Hernandez said.

Ten buses have been provided to transport the Los Angeles district students, with part of the funding coming from the American Federation of Teachers, California Federation of Teachers, and the community college district, Hernandez said.

Schools such as Harbor College that have a student representation fee have also contributed, he said. The ASU is currently in the process of establishing the voluntary fee at LAVC. "If we had the student representation fee here, this is exactly the kind of activity it would be used for," Hernandez said.

LAVC students who attend may be able to enroll in a newly created class and receive one unit of credit for the trip, which leaves on May 9 and returns on the evening of May 10. "The class would be a one unit political science credit and students would have to pay the $10 fee for the unit," said Dean of Academic Affairs Sam Mayo.

The instructor on the trip will be Barbara Stoffer, from the African American Studies department. "This is a good effort and it is necessary," Stoffer said. Anything that can be done to try and keep fees down will give people an opportunity to go to school and receive her support, she said.

"Education is our best investment. I will be right there at the Capitol politicking, and I'll be going to a senate hearing," Stoffer said.

"We are going to be there on the steps of the Capitol and be loud," Hernandez said. Over 800 students from around the state participated in the last trip to Sacramento and more are expected this time, he said.

With the current proposed budget hundreds of classes are expected to be cut at LAVC next year, and on this trip students can learn that they don't have to take it, he said. "Students can also learn about politicians. They tend to be condescending and are tactfully good at dodging questions," Hernandez said.

"May 15 will be the revise of the budget where the revenue totals are in, and the state will know how much it actually has," said Don Graham, ASU commissioner of Public Relations.

The community college budget will be included in the decisions made as a result of the new budget figures, Graham said. "We are going to have students on the assembly floor all day. I hope to have two teams of 30 students holding signs to make their presence known," Graham said.

All students are encouraged to go and can contact the ASU for more information. Travelers can expect to sleep in either army barracks or a school gymnasium, and should pack light. "Bring food or money for food, appropriate clothing, toiletries and towels," Hernandez said.

A student rally will be held on May 12 to give students information on the current budget situation, as well as to tell students what happened on the bus trip, he said.

# *Scholarships given to Native Americans*

By HARRIET STEINBERG
Staff Writer

A special reception was held at the Bron Castle, home of Robert Bond, finance professor at Los Angeles Valley College and his wife. The occasion was to honor special students like Stephanie Martinez.

Martinez is outstanding because according to the organization called the American Indian Scholarship Fund, few native American Indians are able to attend college. What makes her even more exceptional is the fact that she received a grade point average of 3.5.

At this reception, scholarship awards were handed out to American Indians from various two year and four year colleges who received high grades.

Every year the American Indian Scholarship Fund gives awards to deserving students. President Ginny Tyler is also a native American Indian. She teaches speech and broadcasting at LAVC.

The Scholarship Fund was organized by a group of people who represent the various segments of society. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives from industry, education and society.

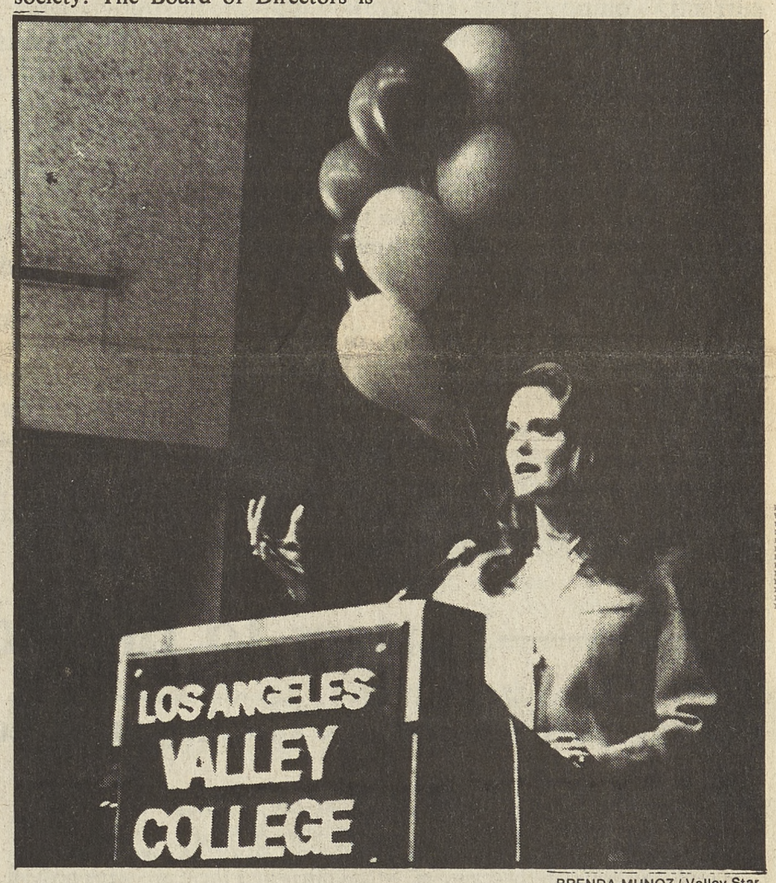
The organization was formed because it was felt that Indian people needed a better life. "They too need doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers and social workers," said Tyler.

The American Indian Scholarship Fund feels that American Indians are faced with a great deal of financial problems which keep their people from going to college. The purpose of this organization is to help students by offering guidance, moral support, and to help meet their financial needs.

Financial assistance is provided by emergency grants and full and partial scholarships.

"There are ten awards given out every year," said Tyler. Martinez was the only student from LAVC to receive an award this year. "She is a very enthusiastic and industrious student," said Tyler.

"I am very proud of my daughter," said David Martinez. "Because of her scholarship, she will be able to attend California State University at Northridge. She plans to major in sociology and minor in psychology," Martinez's father added.

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Elizabeth Cox, vice president of Tau Alpha Epsilon recognizes students on the Dean's List for their academic achievement.

# *LAVC Forensic team strikes gold in Texas*

By J. D. WOLVERTON
Staff Writer

Los Angeles Valley College's Forensic Speech Team placed third in the nation among community colleges participating in the national forensics championships this spring.

Held in Odessa, Texas, the week-long event hosted teams from over 50 two-year institutions throughout the United States.

All three of the top-ranked teams hailed from Southern California, with Moorpark College and Orange Coast College placing first and second, respectively.

LAVC students Joshua Miller and Andrew Greene were tied for second place among the large field -missing the competition's top accolade of Speaker of the Year by a heartbreakingly close two and a half points.

Miller said of the experience, "Odessa's probably the worst place in the world, but I probably had the greatest experience of my life there." Located in West Texas ,a region saturated with oil deposits, the sticky fluid manages to seep into the water coming out of the tap, according to Miller. Some participants actually got sick from drinking it, he said.

*"You can meet the most incredible people on speech teams."*

*—Joshua Miller*

The College's Speech Communications/Broadcasting Department sent thirteen students to the national championships this year. Team participants are recruited from Speech classes, based on classroom performance.

"When we go to competitions, we go to have a good time, but we also go to learn and win," said Greene. "Doing well in forensics translates into doing well in life...it builds confidence, and helps you in just about any field you go into," he said.

"You can meet the most incredible people on speech teams," Miller said. "They're not a bunch of geeks...every single person on the LAVC team was an original, and we were known for that too."

LAVC's National Championship Forensic Speech team took home a number of plaques this year from Odessa. Greene won a gold plaque for Dramatic Interpretation, shared one with Cat Dale for Duo Interpretation, and got another with team members Miller, Kristen Haley, Anuradha Kishore and Kimberley McKelvey for Interpreter's Theater.

The other gold plaques won by the team were by Deborah Helm, for Poetry Interpretation, by Duane Smith for Informative Speech and by Miller for Speech to Entertain.

Silver Plaques won by team members were by Smith for Persuasive Speech, Eric Derise for Communication Analysis, Miller and Helm for Duo Interpretation, by Miller for Informative Speech, by Helm for Programmed Oral Interpretation, by Dale for Speech to Entertain and by Kishore for Poetry Interpretation.

Bronze plaques earned by the team were by Derise for Informative Speech and Speech to Entertain, Dale for Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Kishore and Sarah Parker-Cobb for Dramatic Interpretation.

# *South Coast AQMD gives insight on ride-sharing*

By ROBERT MAIZE
Staff Writer

Many teachers and staff at Los Angeles Valley College will soon be changing the way they get to work at least one day a week, according to Officer Gail Tam, who was recently appointed campus coordinator for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

Tam must submit a plan to the AQMD by June 19 outlining how LAVC will reduce by one third the number of employees who drive their cars alone to school five days a week. LAVC could face possible fines for non-compliance.

This is part of an overall campaign by the AQMD for reducing traffic and air pollution in Southern California.

The plan calls for wider roads, more one-way streets, improved signal light systems, increased use of public transportation, ride sharing and mandates to all governmental agencies, which includes the LA Community College District, to lower the number of single occupant vehicles.

The major cause of air pollution is auto exhaust, and the most exhaust is caused by idling vehicles, according to Tam. "The AQMD's plan is a two-pronged attack: less vehicles on the road and less delays," he said.

"I'm trying to raise the consciousness about the issues surrounding the traffic-pollution question," Tam said. "I'm developing a creative marketing-type campaign to motivate people to change, to seek alternate means of transportation."

The first step in Tam's plan involves employees who live near the campus and arrive at work between 6 a.m. and noon. Those who live within one mile will be asked to walk or ride a bike once a week. Those living from five to eight miles away will be urged to take public transportation and people living further away to car pool if possible.

Reactions from a sampling of people affected by these new mandates were generally favorable.

Alfredo Muratalla is a cafeteria worker who lives three miles from campus and currently drives by himself to work five days a week. He said he would be "quite willing to walk to work once a week." Patting his belly he added, "As a matter of fact, it would be good for me."

Catalogue Librarian Cynthia Siskind is already riding DASH to work once a week. She said it takes a half an hour longer, but if she had the extra time, "I'd just lay in bed and read the newspaper. But I can read the paper on the bus."

Christina Barron, an Intermediate Clerk-Typist in the Disabled Students Office, thinks car pooling is a great idea. "I think more people would do it if they didn't have to go too far out of their way." She also thinks the city should provide transportationfor disabled students.

Not everyone was enthusiastic about the new mandates, citing scheduling conflicts and physical problems as reasons not to give up the comfort and convenience of their cars. One person, who preferred to remain anonymous, said she was against the whole idea, but would not give areason.

English teacher Patrick Hunter, who lives five miles from LAVC, said he would ride a bike to school once a week but only if the new rules apply to everyone. "I would like to be led by example, by whoever is empowered as leaders of this campus," he said. "Yes, I would bike one day a week, but if there was a single ' no' from higher ups, if they say, 'I don't have to disclose that information,' then I would say 'no' also."

A word processor who lives 22 miles from LAVC, Anthony Duke said he would be interested in car pooling once a week, but asked a serious question: "Who's responsible in case of an accident? What if I'm driving and the accident was my fault, could the other passengers sue me?"

According to LAVC Officer Spence Gosenson, the driver of the car responsible for an accident is liable to suit by the other occupants.

As part of Tam's campaign to make people more aware of alternatives to single occupant vehicle commuting, he hopes to have a display in the bookstore soon with bus schedules, transportation link-ups and other pertinent information. He is also planning a "Ride Fair" next semester in Monarch Square that will include transit representatives, jogging clubs, walking clubs, bike clubs and merchants of shoes, bicycles and related equipment.

Also part of his consciousness-raising plan will be the flying of colored flags on the pole by the learning center to announce smog alerts: yellow for first stage, orange for second stage, and red for third stage. Campus police HQ has a direct radio link with AQMD stations.

Tam said that for now, only the staff is being ordered to change their mode of transportation, and that only for one day a week. But he said that it is "very likely in the future the students will have to adjust also." How that would be implemented is not known.

# *Students honored at Tea*

By STEVEN KOSOY
Staff Writer

The hard work and determination of the Los Angeles Valley College was recognized at the Dean's Reception on the afternoon of May 5 in Monarch Hall.

Sponsored by the Associated Students Union, the hall was filled to standing-room-only capacity. Jesse Hernandez, president of ASU served as master of ceremonies. As he began his opening address, the noisy room fell silent.

Hernandez spoke of students' future success, and told everyone they "need to remember that Valley College is where you came from."

His opening remarks concentrated primarily on the problems facing the community colleges today. He said that LAVC will be facing dangers of additional budget cuts and cut classes, which would translate to many students being cut out of school.

Hernandez urged people to become active and write letters to the legislators opposing the budget cuts. "[We] need to be sure that the door to this college always stays open," he said. "So more people can excel."

Introducing the members of the Dean's List was Elizabeth Cox, vice president of Tau Alpha Epsilon, the academic honor society. Mentioning the hard work of the students, she said "A good student is someone with commitment, sacrifice and courage." In return for effort, she said, they will earn the ability to accept challenges and break limitations.

Musical entertainment was offered in the form of three songs by soprano Patti Seoud, and two classical pieces by the Monarch Classical Guitar Quartet.

Jack Sterk, president of the Academic Senate offered congratulatory messages to the crowd, mentioning it was Cinco De Mayo, and remembering the recent passing of Caesar Chavez. Calling him "a man of vision" and "a risk taker," and also mentioning Senator Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Sterk asked everyone to challenge the status quo.

"You are the best and the brightest at Valley," he said. Saying that they too will be the best who go on to become the leaders of tomorrow. Sterk said "You be the dreamers and ask 'why not?'."

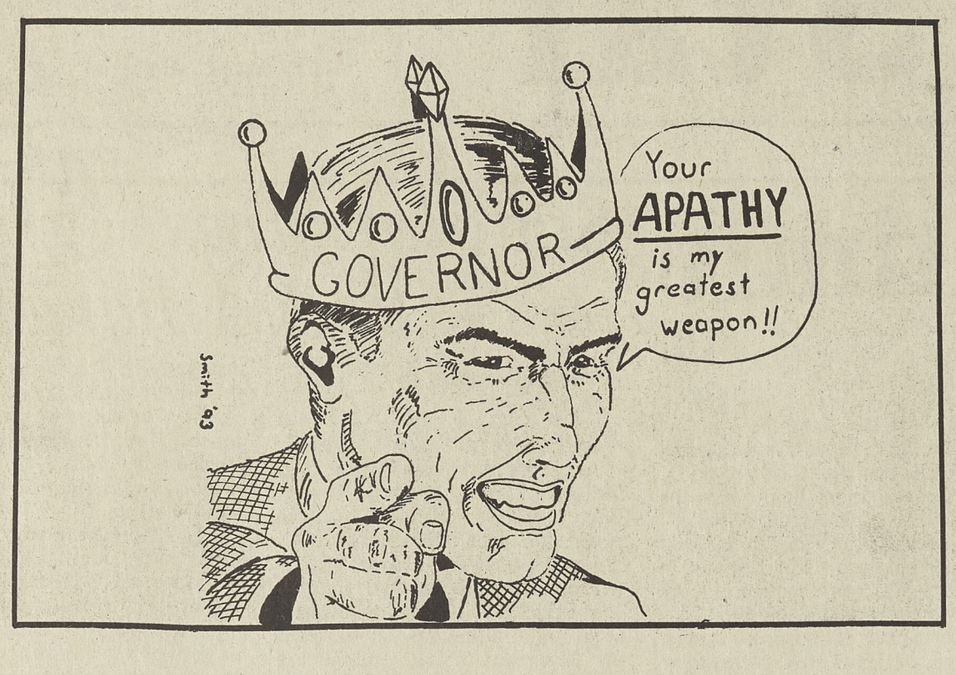
Vice President of Academic Affairs, Tyree O. Wieder offered her congratulations and told the Dean's List recipients "You have a capacity to make a difference."

Quoting an article saying that most people will have to change careers six or seven times in their lives, Dr. Mary Lee, President of LAVC told everyone to "continue learning."

"Try new things, don't be afraid to fail," she said. "Keep learning."

Final congratulatory remarks were offered by Robin Lyle, president of TAE. Fighting back tears, she thanked the teachers for their support and commended the students assembled for "daring to succeed." She asked them to continue to do their best.

Margarita Cassillas, a business/economics student and five time member of the Dean's List summed up the feelings of those honored, saying "It's nice to be recognized, that someone acknowledges your hard work."




# —EDITORIAL—

## *Recycling pays two ways*

Whether to help Mother Earth by slowing down the depletion of resources, aiding the community by reducing input into the landfill or for personal gain, recycling can benefit all they way around.

Los Angeles Valley College Plant Facilities currently composts tree and grass clippings and recycles white and computer paper.

There are a few aluminum recycling bins scattered throughout campus, but they aren't used very much. "Sometimes people are just too busy to bother," says Paul Wisham, ASU commissioner of Environmental Concerns.

Plant facilities had a goal to reduce trash pick-up by 50 percent. After three years they have accomplished the goal, says Supervisor Charles Long.

The "Valley Star" Editorial Board commends plant facilities for their efforts, but would like to encourage students and faculty to do their part as well.

Last year in the U.S., 94 billion aluminum cans were produced, 68 percent of which were recycled, according to John Van Duvender, supervisor of Marketing Concerns, Rigid Packing Division at Alcoa Aluminum in Tennesse. Aluminum can be recycled in as few as 90 days from bin to the store shelf, he says. And when you buy a six-pack of Bud, 50 percent or more of each can could be made of recycled materials.

Well, what does this mean to you? The earth's crust is eight percent aluminum oar. Although this may last a while it will run out eventually, in perhaps 500 years at current use rate, Van Duvender says.

Our landfills are getting deeper and deeper and what isn't exposed to the air will not breakdown. "There are hot dogs from World War II in landfills," he says.

And $960 million was made by people in the U.S. through cans be bought for recycling last year. Alpha Recycling in North Hollywood (used by LAVC) is currently paying 85 cents per pound of aluminum.

So why not give Mother Earth a break and earn a buck in the process. Take time to turn in your cans.

# —Letters to the Editor—

## Puffing president breaks smoking rules, sets bad example

**Dear Editor:**

I'm extremely disappointed in a number of students on this campus. They feel they have the right to ignore the rules that most of us follow automatically no matter how annoying those rules may be.

My gripe is this: Over the past semester I have noticed a growing number of students ignoring the **No Smoking** signs posted on and within most of the buildings on campus. I have even noticed groups of 5-6 students puffing away while sitting beneath **No Smoking** signs in places such as the cafeteria.

I don't have anything against smokers and if smoking were allowed in the buildings on campus I wouldn't mind at all. However, smoking isn't allowed in the buildings and there are signs posted to that effect. Those people who are inconsiderate and who feel the rules were made for other people are what I do have an objection to.

The main reason I decided to speak up regarding this matter is because of something I saw while walking past the ASU offices a week a go. I looked in the open door and saw the ASU president himself sitting there smoking a cigarette in what I had thought was a **No Smoking** building.

If smoking is allowed in that building then I apologize, but I feel that this may be one of the reasons other students feel free to ignore the rules. The president of the student body, in part, leads by example. Our president appears to be setting an example that says it is okay to break the rules on this campus.

Perhaps I should be glad the semester is nearly over and perhaps I should be glad a new group of student officers will be taking over soon. Unfortunately, it doesn't stop me from being disappointed in this semester's executive leadership and those students who follow his example.

**C.R. Gallardo**
**Anthropology Major**
**and Concerned Student**

## Spangler pleased with published Deans's List and article

**Dear Editor:**

I want to thank Lucy Thomas for her feature article on the up-coming graduation of May 27. It was accurate and succinct. Graduation is a especially important ceremony where we can acknowledge the hard work of our students and the role of the faculty in encouraging them to accomplish their goals.

I encourage all eligible students to participate and to look forward to a large turn out of faculty, administrators, and staff at this event.

I would also like to acknowledge the printing of the Dean's List for Fall '92. Having it in print and occupying the two center pages dramatized the number of hard-working goal-oriented students. It honors them and by extension their dedicated instructors.

**Mary Spangler,**
**Dean Student Services**

# Associate degrees mark success

**By LUCY THOMAS**
**Staff Writer**

Are associate degrees (AA/AS) important enough to students to apply for? Statistics at Los Angeles Valley College seem to indicate that they are not, since not enough students who have the requirements are petitioning for their degrees.

Doctor Synthia R. Saltoun, professor of counseling and chairperson of the counseling department at LAVC said at a recent interview.

"We have a lot of students who are transferring to other schools to continue their studies that are unaware that they may now have enough requirements to obtain their AA or AS degrees."

Saltoun said that many students who have in the past received occupational certificates (OC)—a sequence of courses leading to a specific area of employment and it is geared for students who have a limited time and finances to pursue a formal education—at Valley are finding out that they now must get an associate degree to get better paying jobs and promotions and are returning to school.

"We really encourage students to come back to school and get their associate degree because it doesn't take that much more in requirements than an OC," Saltoun said.

Hyung Ki Baik, a student at LAVC is transferring to Berkeley in the fall to study for a bachelors in science degree (BS). He believes he has enough requirements to receive an AS from Valley but doesn't think it is important to his credentials as long as he has a BS. "I was so caught up in my transfer, I really never bothered to check into getting a AS degree. I know I have between 60-70 units, I think I will find out about (the AS)," Baik said.

Diana Nassaney, a student at LAVC, will be graduating this month and receiving her AS. "I am a returning student," she said, "and this time I have petitioned for my degree to make sure that all my hard work will be rewarded." Nassaney had petition for her associate degree once before but had not completed the necessary requirements.

Jack Sterk, president of Faculty Association at LAVC said, "I am disappointed that more students who are eligible for associate degrees do not petition for them. Students do not seem to grasp the importance of an AS or AA degree. It is one of life's right of passages, and it is important to honor these events."

"There is a lot of hard work involved in obtaining these degrees. It is something in life that no one can ever take away from you," Sterk said.

Students seem to think that associate degrees are not important and they only want to get Bachelors and maybe a Masters. But what if they get a snag in their plans? Life has a way of throwing us curves and changing our paths, that is why we should grasp what opportunity we can when we can.

I encourage all students to contact the counseling department at LAVC and look into the possibilities to obtain an associate degree.

# On your mark, get set, stop

**By SARIA KRAFT**
**Staff Writer**

It was fitting that auditions for Los Angeles Valley College's graduation speakers be held on a Wednesday. The midweek tryouts on that gentle spring afternoon might have signified a midway point in a student's academic career. A breeze whooshed around the classroom as ten candidates gathered for a chance at two positions on the ceremonial platform. A pleasant chorus of birds accompanied each applicant. The air was going somewhere. The birds were not about to sit still in this hopeful spring moment. Even the rock concert heard in the not too distant quad heralded movement.

Why then at the close of this casual procedure, held barely a month before may 27th's graduation day, did one get the feeling these students were not about to embark on some glorius trek, that they weren't wearing the kind of traveling shoes that light up when the spirit strikes?

Commencement is a lousy word. It sounds like condiment, minced meat, like some kind of foreign mint. But the food for thought here is that it marks a beginning. The candidates seemed to think they were auditioning for conclusion ceremonies.

This year's commencement theme is Saluting Diversity and Excellence. Apples and oranges. No wonder the ten had trouble locating a through line. It's a challenging connection to make and even the best of the lot weren't up to the challenge.

The sole spark of youth in the group was a soft young woman whose speech and countenance were sorely unmemorable. The balance of the flock were returning students who made a stab at Diversity with mild quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King. It was as if the nature of the associate's degree precluded references to poets or philosophers of any century. Ditto the use of metaphors.

However, the first at bat, a mellifluously-toned, pale-skinned madonna who brought her young daughter to the proceedings, gave philosophy a shot. She spoke of focus and purpose and ended with a credible, "Diversity and excellence is not something you achieve; it's something you live."

Lucky number seven was one of two men in the group. He dressed for the gig. In contrast to several who appeared careless, even slovenly, he was crisp from his neat wool baseball cap to his polished loafers. In between, a sportcoat and pressed shirt were as smooth as his style. In a fluid, Mario Cuomo delivery, he spoke of his roots and the importance of not only knowing "where you come from, but where you're going to."

And the Oscar goes to...a Candice Bergen sans entourage of makeup, hair, and wardrobe helpers. Her natural appeal and easy grace were well complemented by a no-nonsense message: her personal, five-point plan for success. While skimping on the subject of diversity, she translated the excellence portion of the commencement theme to Integrity, Intelligence, Interest, Industry, and Intensity.

In the Success is Relative vein, the second selection for commencement speaker went to a sparkling and obvious choice. From the moment she applied, it was clear she planned on unwrapping her gifts on the podium. Come graduation day, the audience will receive her nurturing gift of serenity.

She has patiently accumulated credits over the past eight or nine years while working a graveyard shift at the U.S. Postal Service. She hopes to apply her broadcasting knowledge gained at LAVC to a job in public relations, perhaps within the Postal Service.

Blenda J. Wilson became the nation's first African-American woman to head a major university when she was inaugurated this week as president of Cal State Northridge. In her address, Wilson called for a more efficient campus, one which produces better prepared, more competitive students. One wonders if LAVC has prepared any of these ten to compete.

# Ethnic cleansing or Holocaust?

**By EVA YELLOZ**
**Staff Writer**

The new term for holocaust is ethnic cleansing. It sounds so antiseptic and methodical, so politically correct. Those who are not familiar with the term might think it's a new house cleaning product. Ethnic cleansing is a heinous crime committed *en masse* by people who have decided to annihilate a portion of their own populace for no other reason than the difference of their nationality or religious beliefs.

Some people think the holocaust was a hoax. They can believe whatever they want. But today, as we are on the brink of the 21st century, we see the same kind of mass murder. We can view parts of it on TV, read about it on the front pages of daily newspapers, see front-line color photos in glossy news magazines; all in the comfort of our living rooms.

Although our government has shown some humanitarian initiative and this past weekend a peace plan was signed in Athens under U.S. threat to Bosnia's Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, we still barely heave a deep sigh of pity for the tens of thousands of dead Muslim Slavs. Not many of us are crying out for the violence to stop in the ethnic battlefield of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It seems that when people dying aren't our own, when they're from a far away land and wear funny clothes, worship strange gods whose names we can't pronounce, then we put the prize of their lives on a back burner.

One of the peace plan proposals by U.N. mediator Cyrus Vance and the European Community's Lord Owen is to divide the republic's territory into ten autonomous provinces to be governed by the ethnic group that made up the region's majority, according to the '91 census.

Wouldn't it be strange if the United States would have remained ruled under France, England, Ireland and the other countries which inhabited it more than 200 years ago? We have been likened to a patchwork quilt, a melting pot and to an ethnic salad.

Look around you. We are diverse and yet we live together harmoniously. If you take a whiff of the meat being barbecued in your neighbor's backyard, it'll smell different than yours, but can be equally as delicious.

With all the problems and misery we have in the U.S., with all the complaints we make daily about government and taxes, education and the moral climate—we still seem to be the most just and fair nation. If the time comes when we no longer care about our neighbors, either near or far, if it doesn't matter to us any more, then we too will succumb to ugly behavior. A good neighbor gets involved.

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# Lee's back on the road

By EVA R. YELLOZ
Staff Writer

Running through mountains and crossing a river, or driving a shiny 18-wheeler is no big deal. But presiding over Los Angeles Valley College and attending the University of La Verne College of Law at the same time could get a little difficult. It depends on who is changing hats though.

Three nights a week, Dr. Mary Lee exchanges her sedate college president's outfit for a LAVC sweatsuit and drives to the Encino law school.

This semester Lee began a four year schedule of prescriptive courses. Her classes run three hours each evening she attends.

She will also spend the next three summers buckling down with hefty law books. To top her heavy load off, there'll also be some Saturday lectures.

Lee says that the evening program at La Verne is specifically designed with the working student in mind. The group she began to study with consisted of 30 students and now stands at 21.

Some are law clerks or insurance agents. Several of Lee's classmates have attended LAVC and almost everyone in the group is somehow connected with Valley.

It can be hectic running a college and attending law school at the same time but, Lee said, "You have to get up at 4 a.m. and study and weekends you study too. All the students in the evening classes are employed. But it is possible to keep up."

Lee took her LSAT in October '92. Having two master's degrees and a Ph.D helped somewhat. According to the law school applied to, LSAT scores are not looked at as closely for someone having more than a BA.

Lee said, "You have to be in the top five percent to get accepted to UCLA. There's no way I would have made it there."

Lee did not remain an anonymous student at La Verne for long. Eventually fellow students came to know that she was the president of LAVC.

A few classmates goaded her with questions about instructors they had at Valley. Lee joked with them and said, "You will not get any quotable quotes from me."

She said that at La Verne, "I'm just one of the students. I'm not Dr. Lee, I'm just Mary."

Recently Lee served as a juror for the first time. She said court procedure was interesting especially since next semester she will study civil procedure.

Lee said she has not thought about her eventual goals after law school. Presently she is learning evolution of law and said she enjoys the history and sociology all wrapped up in one.

Her fascination lies with how the law changes as technology does. She said it is interesting to learn how the advent of planes, the telegraph, radio and finally television restructured many laws including interstate theft, libel and slander.

Although Lee holds a Ph.D in linguistics, she says learning the law will hone her writing skills. She smiles when she recalls a recent writing assignment portion of her midterm.

"My instructor commented that it was too much like an essay. That it was too wordy." Beaming, Lee said that some of the former Valley students did better on the writing than she did.

Lee has been encouraged to attend law school for some time. She's been told that she might be a good candidate for a political career. But Lee emphatically says she doesn't get into politics. "I stay completely away from it. I vote for people as I want to. It's not on my horizon—not on my list. But who knows. I never say I will not do whatever."

Lee says having a law degree will be good for her job at Valley. "It helps knowing the legal language." She says that an attorney takes the case and gets paid for it. Lee says "Here I'm looking at what's right to do according to the student grievance or discipline. I don't have to argue both sides." She says she used to wonder how cases ended. Now she is interested in how cases are argued.

Besides her master's degrees and doctorate, Lee proudly points to her truck driver's license hanging on her office wall. Last year she completed a three-and-a-half week course and was on the streets within two days and on the freeway by the third day. A shiny red scale model of a Peterbilt 18-wheeler stands on a cabinet in her office.

She remembers one of her sons telling her that she used to be an embarrassment to him when he was little. Lee says "When we hauled horses in the '70s, whenever I saw a truck that I liked I'd asked the driver if I could have a look at it." Now that her son is close to 30 he thinks it's fun that his mother has a license to drive the trucks she used to admire.

Why would a college president want a truck driver's license? Lee says "I enjoy doing things that I've always wanted to do. I didn't learn to ride a horse until I was 33 and I didn't run until I was in my 40s." Lee paced one of her sons for the last 25 miles of the Western States 100 Mile Open from Tahoe to Auburn that covered mountains and crossed a river.

Fifteen years ago Lee began her job at LAVC as vice president. When she completes law school, she would have 16 years in the campuses' presidential office. She says "Sixteen years is a long time to be a college president." At 54, Lee displays the zest and hunger for knowledge of a youthful college student. Lee says "Mentally I know what it means not to quit."

**FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE**
**SPRING SEMESTER 1993**

May 20, 1993 to May 28, 1993.

Except for classes of less-than-semester length, THE LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL DAY AND EVENING CLASSES is Wednesday, May 19, 1993.

Classes which meet only one day per week will have their final exam at the first regular class meeting after May 19.

Classes of less-than-semester length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All evening classes (4 p.m. and later) will have their final exam as follows:

Monday classes: May 24 Wednesday classes: May 26
Tuesday classes: May 25 Thursday classes: May 20

Final examinations MUST be held on the DAY AND TIME SCHEDULED in regularly assigned classrooms and should not exceed two hours in duration.

The date of the final exam is determined by the first day and first hour a class meets.

To use the schedule below, locate the day and hour of your class on the grid. In case of problems or conflicts, see the instructor.

| Final Exam Times | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8–10 am | | | | MAY 20<br>9 & 9:30 am<br>T or Th | MAY 21<br>9 & 9:30 am<br>M, W, or F | MAY 22<br><br>All Saturday Classes |
| 10:30 am–12:30 pm | | | | 11 & 11:30 am<br>T or Th | 12 & 12:30 pm<br>M, W or F | |
| 1–3 pm | | | | 1 & 1:30 pm<br>T or Th | 3 & 3:30 pm<br>M, W or F | |
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File Photo

Performers pictured here and many others put on traditional shows to celebrate the day of Cinco de Mayo.

# *Historical heritage reveals unity*

By NANCY VIGRAN
Editor in Chief

Although historical accounts vary, modern day celebrations of Cinco de Mayo reveal the same message - one of strength and unity among the Mexican people and those of Mexican heritage.

"Cinco de Mayo is an anti-imperialistic event," says Carlos Lepe, vice president of MEChA at Los Angeles Valley College.

On May 5, 1862 a battle was fought where Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza defended Fort Loreto and the city of Puebla, Mexico against French troops. Although the battle was ultimately lost, Mexican troops were praised as heroic and emphasis has been placed on the event as proving to the world that Mexico is serious about its nationalism and independence.

History books reveal that Cinco de Mayo has become a national holiday in Mexico, although it appears unclear to where the celebration first started. What once was a day of family get-togethers has become a celebration of thousands in the town of Puebla joining in parades and festivities in remembrance of the battle.

MEChA is hosting a Cinco de Mayo celebration Friday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Mariachi music, Folkloric dancers from Montague Elementary School, Aztec dancers and comedy routines will be among the festivities.

An assortment of Mexican dishes will be offered. All LAVC students, employees and friends are invited to attend the celebration.

Other Cinco de Mayo celebrations have and will be held from Chicago to San Antonio to Los Angeles and the meaning is clear, showing the spirit, unity and solidarity of the Mexican people.

# NEWS BRIEFS

**Cinco de Mayo:** MEChA presents a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Friday, May 7 from 6:30 - 11 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

**Health Center:** Regular Health Center hours of 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m., Monday - Thursdays are set to resume May 10.

**Summer Registration:** Appointments for Summer School Registration will be available through Friday May 7. Registration Fee Receipts are required.

**Scholarship:** In memory of Susan Turcillo, a scholarship in her name will be awarded to women athletes. Eligibility requirements for the award include being involved in intercollegiate competition or related sports activities. Information and applications can be obtained in the Women's P.E. office. The application deadline is May 21, 1993.

**Christian Fellowship:** The Campus Christian Fellowship is presenting "Building Blocks for Better Life," a series of lectures on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in Physics 104.

**Graduation Photo:** The graduation photographer will be in Campus Center 104 on Wednesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 13 between 11 a.m. and 1p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call Student Affairs, ext. 243/244.

**Guest Speaker:** On Friday, May 7, in room LS 103, David Schulman will be speaking on the topic of AIDS, the Law and society. Schulman is from the Los Angeles City Attorney's office.


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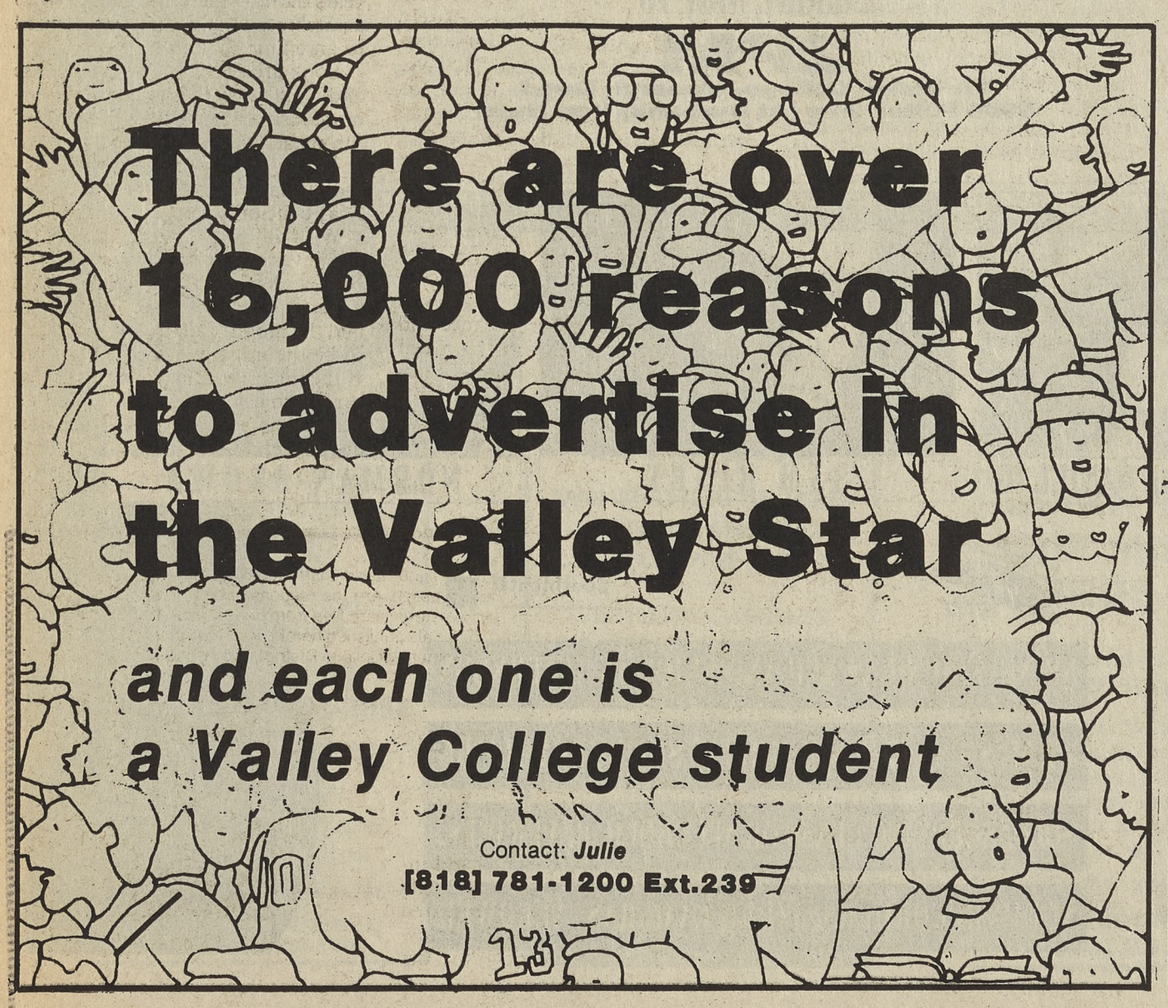


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During a special performance on "The Importance of Being Earnest," Professor Joseph A. Daccurso and director Kathryn Nalor Milton host Park McCalister and students from Grant High School.

# *Earnest brings big laughs*

**By ANDREW SAMUELSON**
**Staff Writer**

Turn of the century London was the cite recreated at the Los Angeles Valley College Horseshoe Theater in yesterday's dress rehearsal of Oscar Wilde's comedy,"The Importance of Being Earnest."

This dress rehearsal was unusual because it actually had an audience. The horseshoe shaped theater (hence the name Horseshoe Theater) was half-filled with Ulysses S. Grant High School students who viewed the show free of charge as part of the Theater Department's community involvement theme.

The play is rich in comic dialogue with William Erwin as Lady Bracknell getting the big laughs. Erwin hams up the Victorian prose perfectly and his first appearance wearing a red dress is a riot in itself.

The banter and light comedy of the play builds up to Erwin's two appearances at the end of the first act and the beginning of the third act.

But the parts sandwiched between are not to be missed either. Shayne Anderson (who plays John Worthing) and Michael Savage (who plays Algernon Moncrieff) keep the audience amused in the first act when they engage in a verbal warfare about life and how to go about seeking its pleasures.

This leads to Lady Bracknell's first appearance when she arrives on stage with her daughter Gwendolen Fairfax, (played by Jessica Miller) in tow. Gwendolen is in love with John (who she thinks is Earnest) and agrees to marry him but they are thwarted when Bracknell disapproves of the marriage.

Miller plays the role of a spoiled but naive upper-class Victorian woman convincingly.

The only lull in the play comes in the second act, but this is because the first act was so hilarious.

Cecily Cardew (played by Melissa Wright) is introduced along with Miss Prism (played by Barbara Grether) and Rev. Canon Chasuble (Richard Goteri). Wright gives an endearing performance as an innocent Englishwoman with romantic notions and Grether and Goteri add the right amount of absent-mindedness to keep the audience enthralled until the final arrival of Erwin.

The final act brings the main characters together in a whirl wind frenzy that once again has the audience in stitches with Wilde's comedy as the two main characters, Algernon and John learn the importance of being earnest.

The cast has the right chemistry to get and set up the laughs for Erwin. The closeness of the audience and stage provide a cozy atmosphere which puts them almost in each others' laps. The script is first rate and so was the performance.

The play has six dates, May 6-8 and 13-15 which begin at 8 p.m.

# Professor moves to rescue women's history

**By STEVEN KOSOY**
**Associate Entertainment Editor**

Although history has a way of over looking the many contributions made by women, English teacher Frances Miriam Reed is working to make sure that several women are indeed remembered and honored for their accomplishments.

Instead, however of merely delivering lifeless lectures about people's lives, Reed is using the words of people such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Louisa May Alcott to speak directly to her audiences and make the learning entertaining.

Most recently, Reed has been trying to raise the money to research and produce her latest one woman production, Margaret Sanger: Radiant Rebel. Sanger was "a seminal thinker of the 19th Century," Reed says. "Her words are so applicable for today."

Sanger advocated planned parenthood and practical contraception, Reed says, in a time when doctors were jailed for even mentioning contraception. "Sanger challenged that."

She was not in favor of abortion, Reed says, because of how hard this was on the body. She wanted to end the premature deaths, and horrific living conditions that children from poor families were experiencing in that time.

"We have to be able to take care of the children we bring into the world," Reeds says, echoing the struggle for which Sanger fought.

Reed's struggle now is to build up the funds to complete the research necessary for the production. She has been granted $560 by the Associated Students Union to assist her in her research expenses.

The research must be conducted at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, where all the major Sanger archives are kept, Reed says. If she is able to complete her study this summer, she will have a 20-30 minute production that she will take to classes at Valley College next semester. In addition to the lecture, she will also open it up to questions at the end.

"I'm working to make theater educational and education theatrical," Reed says. She's really looking for a blending of the two.

Reed has already completed some research on Sanger, which resulted in a show which is being performed in Santa Barbara as a fund raiser for Planned Parenthood. The show on May 8 is already sold out.

Reed says that Sanger's message is as relevant today as it was a century ago. "There's a great need to understand that children are a responsibility to be taken seriously," Reed says. "Margaret Sanger talked about that."

## Campus concerts:

**Sunday, May 9:** LAVC Classical Guitar Ensemble and Orchestra concert directed by Robert Mayeur, in the Musical Recital Hall at 7 p.m. Admision $5.

**Thursday, May 13:** Opera Highlights with Calvin Remsberg and cast members of *The Phantom of the Opera* in the Musical Recital Hall at 11 a.m.

**Thursday, May 13:**The LAVC Studio Jazz Band will give concert directed by Woody James, in Music Room 112, at 8 p.m.

**Monday, May 17:**The LAVC Wind Ensemble conducted by Irvin Pope will perfome in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 18:**LAVC Orchestra will give concert directed by Robert Chauls in Monarch Hall at 8 p.m.

# Guitar: A history of a classic love affair

**By ROBERT MAIZE**
**Staff Writer**

The "mouth bow" is thought to be the earliest form of a plucked string instrument: one string stretched across a bow held by the teeth, using the mouth as a resonating cavity and the skull as a sounding board (something like the modern "Jew's harp.") in Greek mythology, Apollo was the god of archery and music.

The Emperor Nero, who was said to have "fiddled while Rome burned," actually played the cithara, an ancestor of the modern guitar.

The history of what we call the guitar begins when the instrument takes on the form of a woman: softly rounded at the shoulders, curving inward at the waist and concluding with another rounded curve at the bottom.

Old Spanish proverb: "To use a woman or a guitar one must know how to tune them."

The guitar and romance have long been connected (e.g., the courtier serenading his beloved with guitar below her bedroom window.) Poet Pierre De Ronsard (1524-1585) offered two views on the subject:

My guitar, I sing of thee;
'Tis with thee that I decoy
And ensnare enchantingly
The ladies I enjoy.

And from a woman's point of view:

It is the ideal instrument
For ladies of great learning.
Lascivious ladies also play,
To advertise their yearning.

**Source:** *"The Art and Times of the Guitar"* by Frederic V. Grunfeld, published by Macmillan.


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# *Putting on the Ritz*

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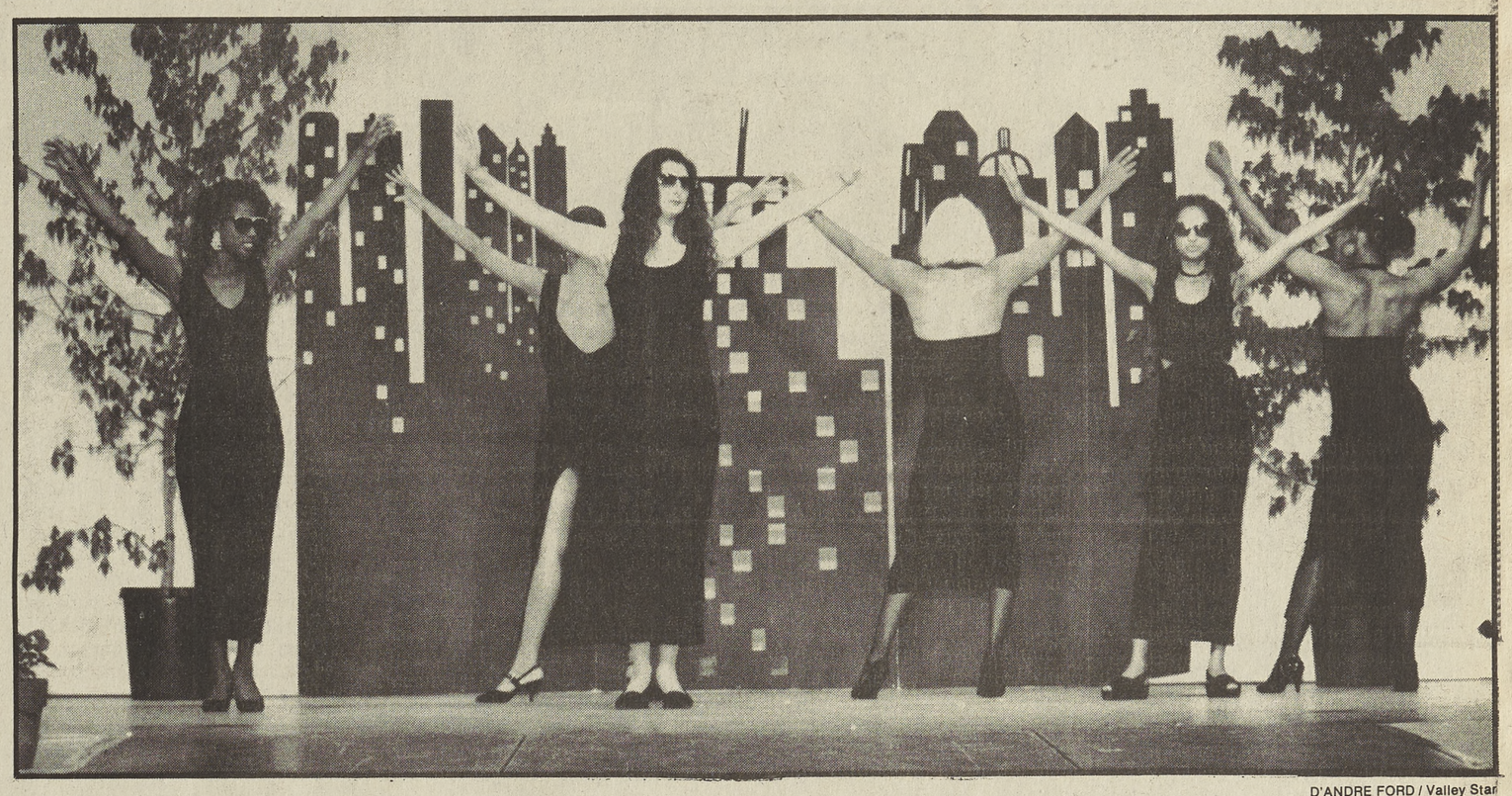
LAVC student, Neng Mahmud, and son model Indonesian costume during "Putting on the Ritz" fashion show Friday in Monarch Hall.



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The Marsha Ware collection is modeled by fellow Design Associate student models in "Putting on the Ritz".

# Design Associates strut wears

By EVA R. YELLOZ
Staff Writer

If you wanted to do lunch and catch a glamorous fashion show, then Monarch Hall was the place last Friday at high noon. Design Associates, an ASU affiliated club put their best feet forward on the runway decorated in a city-scape motif.

While cool jazz music played in the background, models strutted their outfits which spanned the wide fashion spectrum from baggy hip-hop jeans paired with a loose flannel shirt to beaded strapless evening gowns.

Excitement filled the room crowded with more than 300 students, family members, faculty and staff. Video cassette recorders were abound as proud husbands, fathers and significant others filmed the "Ritz" for posterity.

Commentator Wendy Vogt announced the fashions and models as they emerged onto the stage and the sounds of ooohs and aaahs from the audience resonated through Monarch Hall.

Professionalism was the mainstay for the event which kept the audiences' eyes moving from one outfit to the next. One of the most trendy collections shown was the Marsha Ware lycra/spandex group. The clingy pieces came in an array of citrus splash colors: lime, tangerine and lemon.

She also showed a complete collection in black with a variety of neckline plunges and side cut-outs. All of her pieces featured deep slits for easy maneuvering on the dance floor.

The models parading her outfits didn't have an ounce to spare with the fabric enveloping their lean frames. They gracefully pranced down the runway in tune to the music and the audience almost envisioned themselves in a Broadway musical. Cameras clicked and flashes went off as each model gave a final turn before they exited the stage to change into their next number.

Narrator Joan Blanch spiced up her fashion repertoire announcements with humor and presented the events' entertainment segment. Seven-year-old Thomas Ware performed to the audience's delight, like a young Michael Jackson. The show's opening number "Putting on the Ritz" was performed by dancers from Klyda Mahoney's class.

More than 50 members of Design Associates, under the fine tutelage of its executive director and faculty advisor, Doris Davis threw a show that spotlighted hard working graphic designers and illustrators, up-coming choreographers and stage designers along with fashion designers, seamstresses and professional and aspiring models.

# LAVC offers different adventure

By STEVEN KOSOY
Staff Writer

Sirens blare as police cars race through the city in pursuit of escaping felons. As a police car blocks the way of the criminals, they screech to a halt. Just then, Sgt. T. J. Hooker leaps dramatically over the hood, grabbing the bad guys, stopping their escape.

On another channel Ponch and John of the CHP go undercover to expose a ring of car thieves. Flipping channel again, Sgt. Joe Friday is found delivering deadpan dialogue ("That's my job. I'm a cop,") with no thought to a personal life.

Clearly, anyone interested in police work, basing his ambition on what is shown on television is not going to be getting an accurate idea of what a career in law enforcement entails. Fortunately for them LAVC offers a way of learning just that, through the Administration of Justice curriculum.

Administration of justice classes educate those students interested in law enforcement at all levels and those interested in becoming fire fighters as well, Rudolph C. De La Torre, chairman of the department says.

By combining both lecture classes and hands on training, the classes give students experience in a variety of disciplines that will help them get jobs in law enforcement and fire technology, De La Torre says.

*"That's my job, I'm a cop."*

*Sgt. Joe Friday*

Students go to firing ranges to become competent in both semi-automatic weapons and revolvers, he says. Also, they learn tactical procedures such as how to correctly use a baton, handcuffs, searches, put-downs, the laws of arrest, search and seizure and first aid.

In role playing situations the students gain experience in stopping vehicles and learn the appropriate ways of approaching stopped cars, just like they would at the academy, De La Torre says.

Student Steve Ferencz, who has finished all of his administration of justice classes says, "Without the classes I wouldn't know half of the things I now know, make that more than half."

Ferencz is planning a career as a police officer. The information he has gained at LAVC helped him decide that "that's what I actually wanted to do," he says.

Students like Ferencz who wish to pursue careers in the field have another advantage in administration of justice classes, De La Torre says. Students also participate in mock interviews, like they will go through when applying for jobs with different police and fire departments.

The interviews are given by six to eight different agencies, De La Torre says. These help students get used to the interviewing process, a critical step in applying for a department.

The different law enforcement agencies are "The eyes and ears in the community, to assist us and inform us," De La Torre says. They give guidance in what areas are necessary to make a successful law enforcement officer.

"We're always updating," De La Torre says. For example, they "will bring back juvenile procedures because of gang activities."

Separate from the classes, "We have a number one Administration of Justice club," De La Torre says. Club members are given many responsibilities including work with the campus police. They go to academies, county jails and juvenile hall to see first hand what different aspects of law enforcement is all about.

Additionally they offer a free campus escort service Monday through Thursday nights.

No, the LAVC Administration of Justice may not offer the same daring adventure seen on television cop shows, but the reality that the students are exposed to may prove to be much more exciting.

# *Mars Observer lands at Planetarium*

By DEREK ANEY
Staff Writer

Launched into space on September 25th of 1992, the Mars Observer will swing into orbit around Mars this August, according to Bob Brooks of Jet Propulsion Laboratories (JPL) in Pasadena.

Brooks will be giving a lecture on the spacecraft at the Los Angeles Valley College Planetarium on Sunday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The presentation is free and open to the public, and will include slides and a computer generated video of the planet surface. "The Observer will be in a low altitude orbit in December and begin making a detailed topography of the planet," Brooks said.

The information gathered will hopefully provide valuable clues as to the location of any water on the planet and tell scientist more about its composition and history, he said. Water is particularly important if humans are ever going to live on the planet, Brooks said.

Having been awarded the NASA exceptional service medal, and having been directly responsible for the Voyager II fly-by of Uranus, Brooks is now the Planning and Sequencing Team Chief for the Mars Observer project at JPL. "You can't understand your own environment unless you look at other environments. Mars was possibly at one time like Earth, but something big happened, and we want to know what," Brooks said.

Earth is the only living planet left of the three terrestrial planets, which include Mars and Venus, Brooks said. "Understanding the other planets will give us a better understanding of Earth, and hopefully of how to better preserve it," he said.

There will be an Astronomy club meeting before the lecture at 7 p.m. and a question and answer session with Brooks after his presentation. Other upcoming Astronomy Club events include "Eclipses" on May 14 at 8 p.m. and a Star Party on May 22. For more information on these and future events call the Astronomy Club at 781-1200, extension 335.


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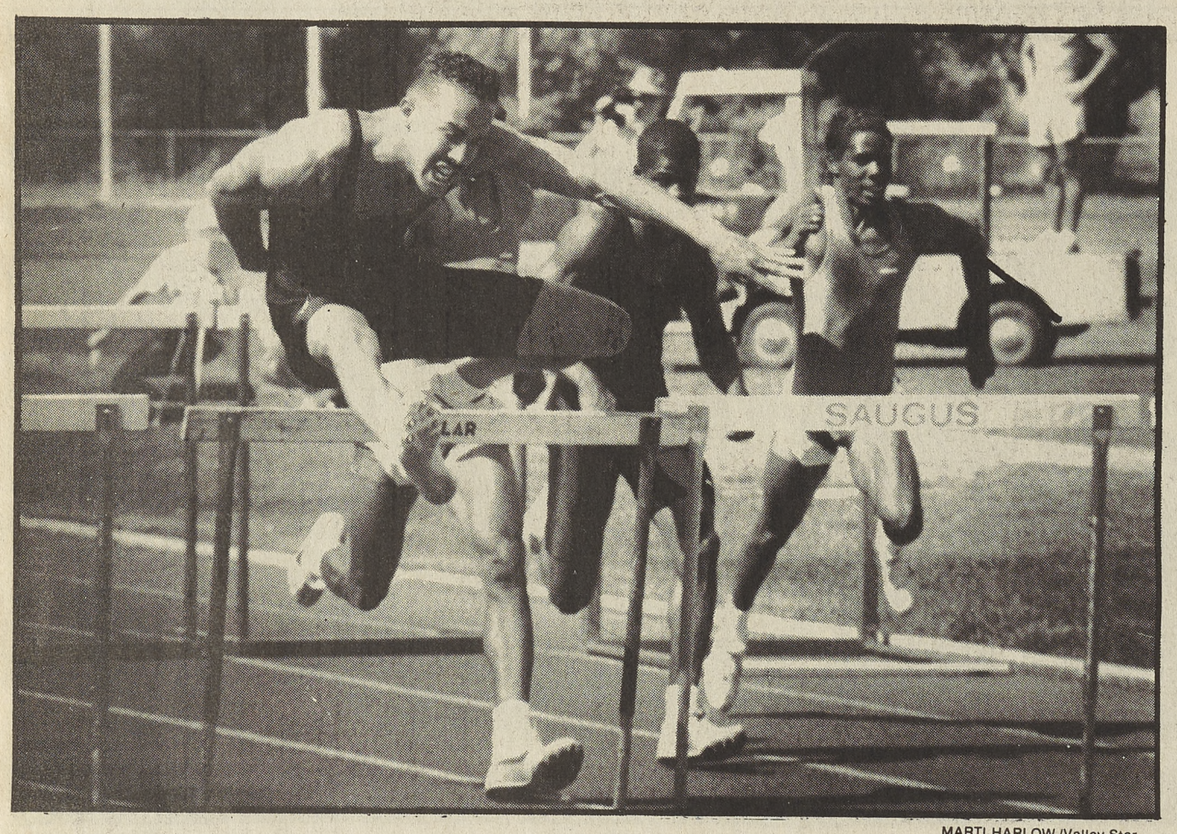

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Kyle Beck hurdled first place in the 110 hurdles Saturday at College of the Canyons. Beck also won first place in the 400 intermediates and the long jump. The men's 4x100m relay team ran first as well.

# *Track runs number one*

The Monarch track team ran, hurdled, jumped and threw their way into the Southern California regionals.

The men's 4x100 relay team (Kyle Beck, Kevin Maxie, Ruben Benitez and Delvon Hardaway) won first place at the Western States competition at College of the Canyons.

Beck also won first in the 110 hurdles, 400 intermediate and the long jump in one jump measuring 24'5½". Benitez went first in the 400m and Maxie in the 200m. The 4x400 relay team placed second.

For the Lady Monarchs, Jennifer Stewart jumped to first place in the high jump and also won the javelin throw.

Nicole Rucker took first in the 200m and second in the 100m. Charisse Phillips took third place in the 100m with a personal best of 12.57.

Both women relay teams (4x100 and 4x400) also qualified as well as LaTara Hudson who went second in the 400m.

The top six placings in each heat will go to the Southern Cals in Cerritos on Saturday.

*—Compiled by Nancy Vigran*

# Swimmers compete in state meet

Monarch men swimmers competed in the State meet at Hartnell College in Salinas as the top 16 fastest swimmers in each event challenged each other.

Wonmeen Jun placed 12th in the 100-meter backstroke in 53.30, which was a very respectable time for this event.

Ryan Barry placed 15th in the 200 backstroke with an excellent time of 2:03.30.

The 400 medley relay team of Jun, Robert Brown, Barry and Chris Imhof placed 10th in 3:42.90.

The swimmers swam exceptional well and all had great times, breaking a few of Monarchs records this year.

Golden West College won the State mens's championship.

This meet had amazingly fast times as most state champion meets do, but this one was an exceptional contest, said Bill Krauss Valley swim coach.

Krauss and diving coach Gary Honjio are very proud of all their swimmers and their great performances.

Krauss said, "We have excellent freshmen swimmers who will be seasoned veterans returning to swim for Valley next year and we are enthusiastic and excited about the teams future.

We have already started to recuit new talent and are looking forward to another good year at the pool."

*—Compiled by Lucy Thomas*

# *Valley clings to second place after sweep by Pierce Brahamas*

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On a hot and sunny May day, fans from Los Angeles Valley and L.A. Pierce filled the stands and lined up along the outfield fences at LAVC to watch the final regular season game between the two schools' baseball teams on Saturday.

Their cross-town rivalry was heightened on this day because Valley lead Pierce by one and a half games in the Western States Conference in the battle for second place and the last automatic Southern California Regional playoff berth.

The game was decided in the top of the ninth when Pierce scored three runs to give them an 8-6 lead. But the Monarchs had a chance to win in their last at bat when they put runners on first and second base with two outs and had slugger Jamie Zeichick at the plate.

Zeichick has two home runs this year and had Valley's last hope for a victory hinged on him making solid contact.

But Zeichick ended the game with a soft ground ball to Pierce's second baseman Herman Meichan who tagged second base and forced out Monarch outfielder Ozzie Areu.

The game completed a series sweep of the Monarchs for Pierce who closed within a half game of Valley.

"I am proud of our guys," LAVC Coach Chris Johnson said. "We had 11 hits and made no errors. They played a great game but just came up short."

Valley's schedule this week finds them playing at Cuesta today and then ending up the season at home against conference champion, College of the Canyons.

To ensure an automatic playoff berth, Valley must win both of its final two games and hope Pierce loses one of their last three games. If the two teams finish with identical conference records, Pierce will get the bid on the basis of its season sweep of Valley. In that case, Valley would enter the playoffs as a wild card.

# Freshman slugger has found home at Valley

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In his first season on the Los Angeles Valley College baseball team, freshman David Stevenson has established himself as one of leading hitters in the Western States Conference and a key player in Valley's surge to the Southern California Regional playoffs.

The lanky 6'2" first baseman has hit five home runs, played his position well and is second on the team in stolen bases. In the Conference, he ranks among the leaders in batting average, home runs, runs batted in, triples and stolen bases.

Valley Coach Chris Johnson said that Stevenson has done everything that has been asked and expected of him.

"With all freshman there is a question if he can handle this level," Johnson said. "But he's played in almost every inning and he's produced."

But success has not come easy for Stevenson. While at Chatsworth High School, he was cut from the baseball team in his junior year. During his senior year, he made the team but did not hit well in his first couple of games and found himself on the bench. His role was limited to pinch hitting and it was not until the last nine games of the year that he got a chance to play everyday.

Stevenson looks back at his high school playing days as a period of maturation for himself.

"When I started playing, I didn't care about anyone but myself," he said. "But (Chatsworth) Coach Meuseborn taught me that this is a team game and it made me a better person."

With a new attitude, Stevenson came to Valley College, choosing to come here over Mission Junior College and College of the Canyons.

A new location was what he wanted so that he could be judged on what he could do on the field and avoid the politics of his home town. "I just wanted to get a fresh start," Stevenson said.

He has made the most of his brief time at Valley. The Monarch baseball team stands in second place in the conference and with two more wins they can assure themselves of a state playoff berth.

Stevenson's hitting carried the team in early conference games when the Monarchs were not getting solid pitching and the defense was continually committing costly errors.

In the Monarch's first game against Glendale on February 18, Stevenson hit a double that drove in three runs which gave Valley an 8-6 come from behind win.

Against Bakersfield on March 12, Stevenson lead off the bottom of the eighth with a single, stole second base and was awarded third base on an interference call. He then raced home to score the tying run on a passed ball in a game Valley eventually won 4-3. On the next day in a game against Santa Monica, he collected four hits in a 10-4 Valley romp.

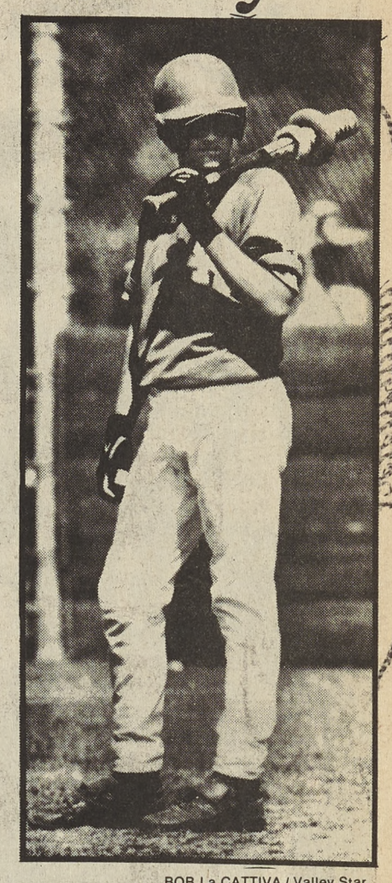
He hit safely in his first 20 conference games, getting shut out only after coming down with strep throat. He strained his knee in the May 1 game against Pierce, but he expects to be in the line-up for todays game against Cuesta.

Although only a freshman, Stevenson's play has inspired some of his older teammates, including designated hitter Jamie Zeichick.

"I'm an older player, but the way he plays baseball, I look up to him," Zeichick said. "He's a leader."

Stevenson's versatility was evident when Coach Johnson in a search for a lead off hitter, moved Stevenson from the clean-up spot to lead off in an attempt to generate more runs. Despite excelling in the clean-up slot, Stevenson said he's comfortable leading off because he can look at more pitches.

Off the field, Stevenson said he likes playing Sega and spending time with his girlfriend. He said he's not a "crazy party person" and that he would rather catch a movie or go to the arcades than go out on a night on the town.



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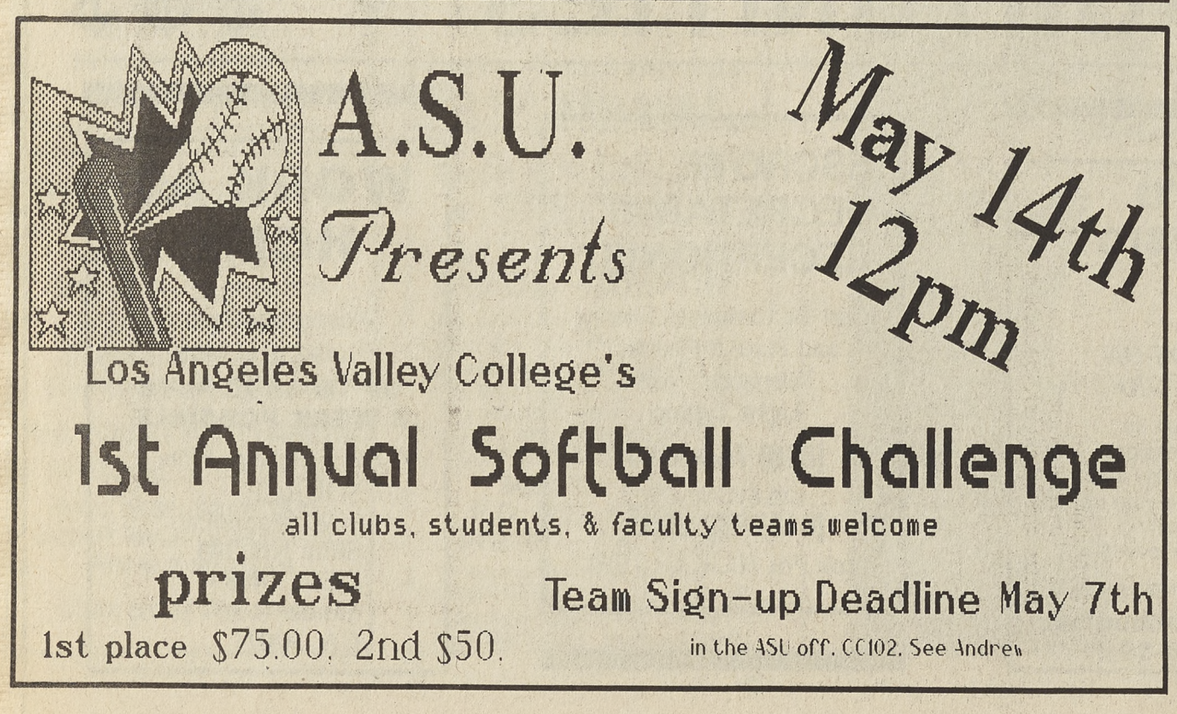
David Stevenson waits for his turn at bat against Pierce.

He said the team is close knit and that this is the "favorite team I've ever played on."

After next year, Stevenson said he would like to transfer to a four year school up north or to Pepperdine. And when his playing days are over, he wants to become an elementary school teacher so he can play "kickball" with the kids.

But his immediate plans are to win the next two conference games as Valley heads into the playoffs. If the team is going to advance far in the playoffs, their star freshman has to continue the hitting pace that he began the season with.